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SUBJ: SECURITY PROBLEMS AT U.S.-OWNED MINE IN IRIAN JAYA

REF: A. JAKARTA 10544, B. JAKARTA 9830

1. WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING WHICH APPEARED IN
FREEPORT MINERALS COMPANY'S REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS FOR
SECOND QUARTER:

QUOTE: BEGINNING ON JULY 23, A SERIES OF DISTURBANCES
OCCURRED AT SEVERAL POINTS ALONG THE 63-MILE ROAD FROM OUR
MARSHALLING DEPOT TO THE MILL. THERE WAS RELATIVELY MINOR
DAMAGE TO CERTAIN SUPPLY FACILITIES, SUCH AS THE BURNING OF
TWO INTERMEDIARY ROADSIDE FUEL STORAGE TANKS AND SEVERAL
SMALL CUTS IN THE COPPER CONCENTRATE AND RELATED WATER-FLUSHING
PIPELINES. NO FI EMPLOYEES WERE HARMED, AND THE DAMAGED
FACILITIES HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. THE MINE HAS CONTINUED TO
OPERATE AT NEAR NORMAL LEVELS, BUT MILL OUTPUT HAS BEEN
NEGLECTIBLE SINCE JULY 23 BECAUSE OF OUR INABILITY TO PUMP
CONCENTRATE. THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN THE
NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT THE AREA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.
WE EXPECT EARLY RESTORATION OF NORMAL OPERATION, ALTHOUGH
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OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY EXTRAORDINARY RAINS AND
FLOODS IN LOW-LEVEL AREAS WHICH TEMPORARILY WASHED OUT
PORTIONS OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE APPROACHES. WE BELIEVE
THE DISTURBANCES WERE CAUSED BY A SMALL ROAMING GROUP,
POSSIBLY POLITICAL DISSIDENTS. END QUOTE.

2. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE DISCUSSION IN JAKARTA

OF DISTURBANCES AT FREEPORT MINE. APPEARANCE OF THIS
ITEM IN COMPANY REPORT MAY CREATE MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION.
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